

PARIS, Nov. 27.—Ever since the object of clothes evolved from the primeval desire to cover the body and shield it from the inciemencies of the atmospheric temperature, to a desire to beautify and become, as it were, a frame to beful that cheft docurres of nature the human body, we have a soft spot in our hearts for those heavy of our free which enhanced the beauty of our free which enhanced the human their maids and martons realized the enchantment which lurks in forms sheathed in classic felds, and unimpeded by tight dress. True, stays were in their infancy even then, but they were worn as a suppressed into the bond of the bond of the white lake. As the foundations of fine white lake. As the fine stock and consists of the foundations of the foundation

#### plain, straight lines, relieved by a delicate tracery of gold beading.

The ever-recurring question of what to buy for Christmas is to the fore again and occupies the waking and sleeping woman in the land. The shops are surfeited with good things, but the variety is so great finat it leaves one after a prolonged inspection of the many noveltes offered for sale more puzzied than before starting out.

SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

It is the wise woman who does all her Christmas shopping early, before the terrible rush and crush of the last few days are on, but it is the economical woman who waits until a few days before Christmas and picks up the many bargains which the shopkeepers then offer in order to avoid the leaving over of a large stock of Christmas goods. tmas goods. - newest fad in tambour work is done

The newest fad in tambour work is done on a very coarse meshed canvas with a new material called "prisma." This is a heavy cord-like linen yarn, which works in very effectively in the large mesh of the canvas. Though it is thick and fills in quickly, it takes a considerable quantity, but it repays one for one's trouble after it is finished. Pillows chair seats and panels are shown in this new "prisma," and it has "caught on," as boys say, very thoroughly.

Then there is a new ribbon embroidery, which is dainty in the extreme. It is done with the very finest, narrowest ribbon imaginable, in Dresden and Watteau colorings, and is truly a most acceptable gift.

The "cakewaik" and "coon town" pillows are the latest novelty, and when they are outlined in siles to match the colorings are outlined in siles to match the coloring. med in silks to match the coloring

are outlined in silks to match the colorings of the design, and edged with a two or three toned satin ribbon ruffle in colors to match the body of the pillow, they make a most striking cushion, which seems just about the very thing for the divan in a man's den, where everything needs to be substantial enough for hard wear.

Some pretty samples are shown for holding shaving paper. These are tiny disks of sheer linen embroidered in forget-me-nots, violets, tiny wild roses, as suits the fancy of the embroidered in forget-me-nots, violets, tiny wild roses, as suits the fancy of the embroidered and the color scheme of her sweetheart's den. These linen disks are mounted on a larger disk of cardboard covered with a contrasting shade of satin and finished at the top by full looped bows of two shades of very narrow satin ribbon. The same ribbon is twisted for the hanging loop.

Then, again, the gold frames for ivory painted miniatures or pictures of friends and sweethearts are very heavily scrolled, in large openwork patterns. They are heavy looking, but very light of weight, and are de rigueur in a green drawing room for tables, cabinets and mantels. The daintier round gold frames are studded with rhinestones, emeralds, rubles and sapphires, and are more generally used for the miniature collections which are all the rage to-day.

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For my lady's dressing case are shown some novelties in hand glasses which are veritable works of art. They are of heavy gilt, exquisitely painted on the back with copies of famous Gainsboroughs, Sir Joshua Reynoldses, Rembrandts and others of their lik who made portraits of beautiful women their specialty.

These hand glasses come in three or four different sizes. The large size is for the bureau, the medium one for the writing table and the smallest one for the cabinet.

Silver is tout a fait hors de combat as far Silver is tout a fait hors de combat as far as the smart woman's bureau is concerned, and the newest and most fashionable fad to-day is ebony. It does not look as though the new fad would have the enormous run which silver enjoyed, but tollet sets in ebony, relieved by silver initials and a narrow silver beading around the edge, are very elegant, and, being new, correspondingly expensive.

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A pretty novelty for men is shown in a silver match safe which has within a frame for the best girl's picture. Another style has a double case, which opens by a spring and discloses the frame. Some of these silver match boxes are enameled in the favorite flower of the man for whom they are intended. The flowers are on a mother of pearl ground, and the deep purple of the violet, which seems to be the favorite design, is brought out most effectively. The toys this year are almost perfect. We said this last year, and we say it every year. We will doubtless say it next year, too. The dollies of to-day are truly very smart ladies in their way, and their trousseaux, layettes, trunks, jewelry and tollet sets are as complete in their way as those of other little mothers.

In mechanical toys there is little that is very new, as in past years, so one of the most prominent toy buyers ex-vlaimed, they had proved unsalable. There are still some few large animals shown. A dandy tunout, with large sized horses, boasting of a real hair coat and driven in tandem, will make some lucky lad happy. The toy is what is known as a cabaret. It is large enough to seat a fair sized child comfortably, and is so arranged that it can be pushed from behind by another child, so that the driver of the tandem can enjoy all the pleasures of a drive as he proudly handles the reins.

the ice will not melt. Many a mamma will wish that her icebox could be filled with this same ice, and perhaps the iceman would not grow so rich.

There are automobiles and real engines, and freight cars, with freight inside, and passenger cars, with plenty of passengers, and all kinds of iron vehicles almost as complete as the real ones.

There is a new toy shown this year which is called "the climber." It is an engine which can run up a hill eighty feet high, and obtains its motive power by means of a heavy weight on an axle bearing on the running gear of the engine. The power is generated by moving the engine forward in order to get the heavy weight revolving. It is claimed that it will run for a block on level ground.

Then there is an electric railroad, which can be made as perfect and as expensive as the purchaser desires. The stations and cars can be lighted by electricity; there are three sizes of tracks and three sets of trains. They are as perfect in their modeling as the trains which carry passengers.

There are a tumbling bear who turns in-numerable somersaults, and a seal which, upon being wound up, runs around and is actually lifelike. There are dancing bears are tublits and alligators, and a whole upon being wound up, runs around and is actually lifelike. There are dancing bears and rabbits and alligators, and a whole menagerie of animated beasts to amuse the younger children.

Some models of the white squadron are shown which deserve special mention. There are models of the Brooklyn bridge, and by winding a windiass in the power house the cars are started from each end at the same time. A disappearing cannon is another novelty, and it might be said to doubly merit its name, as it is not only a disappearing cannon now, but will also disappear very speedily in the hands of its happy owner. Dolls' houses and furniture are more elaborate this year than ever before, and speak eloquently of the luxury and extravagance of the age.

The small beds are all hung in satin, the spreads are of lace, the parlor sets of "Vernis-Martin," upholstered in rich brocade, and, in truth, faithful copies of the fashionable mansions of the day.

Dewey comes in for a share of glory, and there are Dewey sets, consisting of the admiral's hat and belt and sword and jacket. In the solders the newest and best selling are the Rough Riders and several English regiments. The Rough Riders are led by the gallant Roosevelt, and many a daring dash will be made up San Juan Hill by these same tin soldlers.

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RARE NAVAJO BLANKETS. American Rooms Now Furnished in the Western Indian Style-Valuable Rugs.

There have been many truly artistic rooms furnished in Oriental style-Turkish, Persian, Chinese, Japanese and East In-

Twenty-five years ago it was considered only natural that a man should concentrate all his interest in life in his office and that a woman's horizon should be bounded by baking cake and making Berlin work. College life, with its consequent freedom from the restraint of narrowing home influences, and its introduction to a new and virile circle at an impressionable age, has altered all this. We later-day Americans are only afraid of being provincial. This is a decade of specialists and specialities. Individuality is the word. If neither art nor science has attractions for you, choose a fad. It does not matter whether you are suffering from enaul or overwork, a cult you must have. It will prove a resource for many an idle hour, an ever new and never tiring interest, a stimulant to the tired brain after a humdrum day.

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For instance, if you are musical in a small way, collect the signed photographs of singers; make copies on velvet of fa-mous scores. If reading is your pleasure, the old book stores contain a mine of in-terest for you, and of wealth for your library.

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Be a photographer, a palmist, a graphclogist; teach your boy to intelligently
clogist; teach your boy to intelligently Be a photographer, a palmist, a graphologist; teach your boy to intelligently collect coins and stamps, eggs, insects or rocks. What matter if he does litter his room with rubbish? Better that than have his idle mind filled with idle thoughts. Teach your girl to know the great art works of the world by names and history, and to save her pennies to buy photo copies of them. Let her learn to distinguish the fine laces and beautiful broideries she can never own, to decorate her own room with national costume sketches, to grow and graft roses, or, best of all, become an authority on the chemistry of cookery.

Roast Saddle of Mutton.

Take a heavy saddle of Canada mutton, stick two dozen cloves in the top in regular lines, put a clove of garlic in each end close to the backbone. Hang the saddle in a cold place for a week or ten days or have the dealer of whom you buy it hang it for you. When ready to roast put it in a dripping pan, kidneys side down, and stand it in a hot oven. After it has roasted fifteen minutes pull the pan forward and season the mutton well with sait and a little pepper. Put it back in the oven, and in five minutes pull it forward again and baste the saddle well with half a pint of sherry. After the half pint has been poured over the saddle there will be sufficient in the pan for basting, which must be done frequently till the joint is done. Mutton must be roasted rare; an hour and a stick two dozen cloves in the top in regular frequently till the joint is done. Mutton must be roasted rare; an hour and a quarter is long enough to roast a heavy saddle, or even less time, if one likes it rare. When the saddle is done lift it carefully from the pan into a hot platter and cover it with a coating of currant jelly. Pour the fat from the dripping pan, stand it on the stove, pour in a half pint of sherry, let it get hot, then pour it on the platter round the saddle and serve. Jerusalem artichokes boiled with cream sauce and stuffed peppers are the proper vegetables to serve with roast saddle of mutton.

The Ethics of Shopping.

In answer to the question, "What is your idea of the proper way to shop?" Mrs Enid Widdrington, of England, who is making a lecture tour in this country

"The mere idea of going from one counter to another pricing the goods and buying the cheapest has little to do with what I call the ethics of shopping. Every woman should consider not alone the price and quality of the goods, but where they are made, whether in dark sweatshops or well lighted, heated and ventilated rooms and by healthy persons; the prices paid the people who manufacture, the wages paid the clerks, the humane way in which the clerks are treated by their employers; whether the clerks are simply pin money makers, who have homes and parents to support them, or are really in need of the money for their own support and that of others." "The mere idea of going from one counter

with large sized horses, boasting of a real hair cost and drives in tandem, will make some lucky lad happy and the every-present thing out of sight, Well, shown as a cabaret. It lies to by shall the some ingenious person has devised a receptacle for holding the curring fron, which it is a shaped somewhat like an elongated aheld of noral design. At the two upperpoints are full looped bows of narrow ribon. On the back is a pocket, into which the horse is allipsed out of sight, and when hing on the wall in close proximity to the dresser and sidelights the clumsy curriction in the dresser and stores, for the shops are full of them. The pressure of the store is a stall conduction of the horse is little of the horse is little to the dresser and store in the coal—it is an an and streens, for the shops are full of them. The pressure is an adviced a recommendation of the wagons are loaded with coal and these wagons are loaded with coal and string the locks of its and coal—it is real coal—it

SERVANTS BY THE HOUR.

New Phase of the So-Called Domestic Science to Be Tried in New York.

From the New York Sun. "Domestic Science" takes on a character at variance with this title in view of the

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which the mythical Santa Claus took a part, and the displaying of gifts on the plane with the cards of the givers attached becomes a hackneyed custom of declining interest, perhaps a change such as has been adopted successfully in some households may find favor in more. This idea is to hide the gifts. Father and mother do this part, while the other members of the famipart, while the other members of the lamily do the seeking. A letter, presumably from Santa Claus, appears on the mantel Christmas morning, and in it are discovered certain hints, carefuly disguised however as to the whereabouts of the treasures. Of course, most unlikely places are selected.

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In one family I remember that an innocent looking barrel of apples that had stood for a long time in the cellar was made to do duty as a gay deceiver, the layer of apples on the top covering all sorts of gifts, from a typewriter to a tin horn. Again, it having been boasted by the youthful scion of the house that nothing could be hidden without his knowledge, his very bed was chosen, and the hiding done while he slept. His astonishment can be imagined when he learned that he had been lifted bodily in a sound slumber, while all sorts of charming Christmas conceits found a resting place under his mattress. Once the dining room table was made to do duty by having a supplementary shelf built under it, in which the gifts were lying, while the young folks wandered everywhere else over the house, and at last sat down to breakfast hopelessly discouraged, despite the very pointed hints in the written guide that they found on the mantelpiece. Of course, each person can formulate an individual scheme of hiding, according to the furnishing and resources of the house. The novelty of this plan will, I am sure, prove its certain recommendation to those who have tired just a wee bit of the regulation Christmas celebration.

Good Form of To-day.

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This is a very good time to be thinking about the old question of talking at a play or musical recital of any sort. There isn't any question about it, for the law of courtesy which forbids it is implacable and is broken, only at the utter sacrifice of good manners. There was a time when people were so given to talking through plays and concerts, particularly the latter, that jokes were built upon the sad fact, and the funny papers all over the country made capital out of it, says the Chicago Times-Herald. It has always, like a lot of other unpleasant things, been laid at the door of the feminine part of society, but it is an up-to-date discovery that this habit, like gossip and tale-telling and others, is not confined to women. Only a little while ago, at a concert in this town, a musician of high reputation was one of a box party that listened to a violin solo. Through the softest strains this man talked, not even lowering his voice to a whisper, and so disturbed the people about him that their displeasure became evident, and he was made to desist. What that man's feelings would be if the positions were reversed it is easy to imagine.

The Turquoise in Favor.

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Again is the turquoise in at the goal of the mode ahead of all other gems, and a series of turquoise-set slides, run on a whist of white chiffon, is the most modish dog collar for use with an evening dress. Very deep blue turquoise, flecked with the pale brown of the matrix tone, is what a carefully dressed individual adopts, and it is set in Keltic gold. A very little gold and a great deal of silver are used in the mating of these settings, so that the effect is rather that of silver, with yellow spots in it, than gold, and all over the plain, round band settings tiny Runic rhymes are engraved, or they are cleverly simulated by the graver's tools.

Apple Trifle.

The best apple trifle is made by peeling and slicing a pound of apples and boiling them with two teaspoonfulls of water, an ounce of brown sugar, and a stick of cinnamon until they are a pulp. Add half an ounce of butter and the grated rind of a lemon. Beat them well and pass them through a sieve. Cut sponge cake into two pieces, spread them with the prepared apple and join the pieces again. Place in a deep glass dish, pour sherry over them and let them soak for two hours. Then cover with boiled custard and serve at once.

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Washing the costly china which wealthy people use at grand dinners is almost a fine art. Such china is often hand painted by celebrated artists, and a single piece

From the Ladies' Home Journal.

Aside from the divine command, the first and paramount reason for obedience in children is that it is necessary to their safety. The strongest instinct of nature

receive salaries which far exceed those of the average bookkeeper or clerk.

In the first place, the pleces are never allowed to touch each other, but are brought to the table and removed one at a time. When not in use, they are kept in padded cases, with thick layers of folded tissue paper over each plece. Nor are they ever put into a dish pan, even for a dip into water. Instead, each piece is tenderly sponged with the soft silk sponge known as surgeon's sponge, from its use in washing wounds before the days of medicated cotton. Not even with this is it rubbed, only brushed as lightly as a raw wound might be, until it is perfectly clean. After which it is as tenderly dried with old, soft linen, or with an India silk handkerchief.

Less expensive china, which is still "too costly for working days," is kept in piles, with either tissue paper or double faced canton flannel between the plates, to prevent any possible rubbing of the hand paintings, which though unsigned, are artistic and beautiful.

A useful adjunct to any china closet with a set of hand painted plates, and most closets have at least a few, is a set of canton flannel doylies for each set. Cut them of fairly heavy double faced canton flannel, each a very little larger than the plate it is to protect. If you make such a set for a friend, buttonhole-stitch the edges with wash silk in a color to match the china, an embellishment which, though more ornamental.

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Cases of canton flannel for silver are also desirable properties. Make each one to hold a dozen forks or spoons, with two lengths of flannel one on the other, and divided into compartments by machine stitching. Have the piece which forms the back of the case wider than the front, to furnish a flap to hold over at the top, say from three to four inches deep. Measure the size of each case by that of the article it is to hold—table, dessert, ten or coffee spoons, dinner or dessert forks, etc.

A LARGE SUBJECT.

An Englishman Objects to the Small Space Given England in American Geographies.

"I am well satisfied with the American method of education," said an English-man residing in New York. "In fact, for girls, especially, I consider that it is better in many ways than the English system. I do, however, object to some of the geo-graphical ideas that they have in regard graphical ideas that they have in regard to England. Last winter my little girl started to learn about the states. From October until May she drew maps of each one, learned about their towns, rivers, mountains and commercial products until she had them all at her fingers' ends.

"That was all well-enough, and I greatly admired the thoroughness of the teaching: so this year, when she told me that they were beginning on England, Scotland and Ireland, I felt quite pleased that she should learn all about the dear old country, and promised myself a good deal of pleasure in talking to her of my old haunts. Well, if you will believe it, in about a week she announced that they had finished up with Great Britain, and that the class had started to study up the divisions of the Continent. Six months for the United States, and a week for England. Scotland and Ireland! Then I felt, Indeed, that my children were Americanized."

For the Pocketless Woman.

In these days of the pocketless tailor made suit a shopping bag is an acceptable gift. A roomy one made of black satin, with drawstrings that will work, will be of nestimable value.

A rhyme is a good passport with almost any gift. This one might accompany the

When my lady goes a shopping, the packages are dropping.

And no place in all creaton can she find to put her purse.
I shall think my work requited
If she only is delighted
With the shopping bag I send her with this tiny
hit of verse. GUIDING A CHILD.

Overwhelming Responsibility Which is Placed Upon the Wise Parent.

not infrequently costs from \$25 to \$100 or more. The contents of the china closets of some of our multi-millionaires are worth a moderate fortune, and their care is intrusted only to experts, who charge high prices for their service. Some of the dishwashers employed by fashlonable caterers for their service with the salaries which far exceed those of the average bookkeeper or clerk.

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It is not from an arbitrary wish to have their own way, or to keep their child in slavish subjection to their own whims or predictions that wise parents insist upon obedience. It is because—if they are worthy to be parents—they know better what is for the best good of their child than his youth and inexperience permit him to know himself, and so can guide him for his highest welfare. It is an overwhelming responsibility, but it is one that is inherent in the very nature of the relationship which exists between the parent and the child in every phase and department of life.

Cranberry Timbales.

Take two quarts of cranberries, four cups of sugar and two cups of water; wash and pick over the cranberries carefully, put hem in a saucepan with two cups them in a saucepan with two cups of water, cover and stew until tender; then strain them through a sieve; return the pulp to the saucepan and boil fifteen minutes; add the sugar and stir and boil just long enough to melt the sugar; rinse out the timbale molds with cold water and sprinkle with granulated sugar. Pour the cranberries when nearly cold into the molds and set in a cool place to get firm.

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